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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
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Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Multiple dependent claims	360	180
Total Claims		
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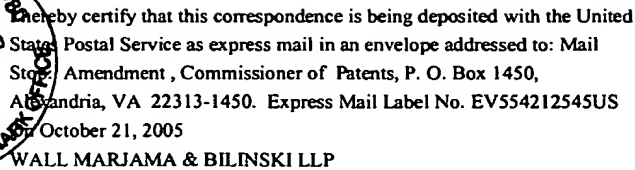
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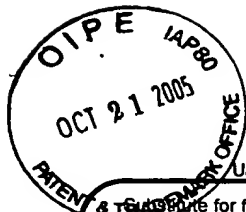
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